



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Paul B. Mirkarimi et al. Docket No. : CIL-10972

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For : Ion-Assisted Deposition Techniques For

The Planarization Of Topological Defects

## **AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2006, please amend the above-referenced application as follows: